

**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT
IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO
REQUEST RELEASE OF GRANT FUNDS**

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This notice shall satisfy two separate but related procedural notification requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Office of Community Development.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS. On or about September 14, 2006, the OCD will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of federal funds approved under the FY 2006 Department of Defense Appropriations Act, in accordance with the "Notice of Funding Availability" published in the Federal Register on February 13, 2006, for the purpose of compensation for homeowner losses in the thirty-eight parishes most affected by Hurricanes Katrina and/or Rita. This program will provide a one-time grant payment, up to a maximum of \$150,000, to eligible homeowners who suffered damage to their primary residence from Hurricanes Katrina and/or Rita. The program is designed to provide compensation to the homeowner who chooses to buyout/relocate in the State of Louisiana or chooses to sell his/her property to the State and move out of Louisiana.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT. OCD has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Division of Administration, Office of Community Development, 1201 North Third Street, Suite 7-270, Baton Rouge LA and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS. These funds are needed on an emergency basis due to a declared disaster; therefore, the comment periods for both OCD and HUD have been combined. Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination, or wishing to comment on the program may submit written comments to this Office, as well as to HUD, to ensure that all comments receive full consideration. All comments received by September 13, 2006, will be

considered by this Office and HUD prior to the release of funds. Commenters should specify which Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS: This Office certifies to HUD that Susan Elkins, in her capacity as Executive Director, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the OCD to use Program Funds

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS. HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and OCD's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of OCD approved by HUD; (b) OCD has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR part 58, sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to:

**Lester H. Berman
Regional Environmental Officer
Department of Housing and Urban Development
801 Cherry Street, 25th floor
Fort Worth TX 76102-6803**

Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

**El presente Aviso público y todo documento
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vietnamita en Internet en:**
www.doa.la.gov/cdbg/dractionplans.htm.

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